



More than 24 years ago, The Boulevard’s founders witnessed thousands of people with medical injuries coming into the shelters across the city with nowhere to go to recover. In order to break the cycle of homelessness, these individuals needed a place to recover and the opportunity to move on to stable housing. Formerly known as Interfaith House, The Boulevard was founded in 1994 as the answer to this critical need. WCC’s own Reverend Paul Allen (Pastor Emeritus) was one of the original founders.

The Mission of this organization is, “The Boulevard of Chicago provides high quality, cost effective medical respite care, holistic support and housing services to help ill and injured homeless adults break the cycle of homelessness, restore their health and rebuild their lives.”

The Boulevard is a 64-bed (currently 59 men, 5 women) facility that provides medical respite care to ill and injured homeless adults. To qualify for admission to The Boulevard, a client must be homeless and in need of recovery from a medical condition. While in their care, residents stabilize their health, identify and begin to address the cause of their homelessness, and are connected to stable housing options.

The three main goals for their residents is to 1) get them medically stabilized, 2) find and erase the root cause for their homelessness, and 3) find them affordable housing.

The Winnetka Congregational Church Woman’s Society Benevolence Committee has been supporting The Boulevard through yearly grants since January of 1996.

Today they are the only organization in Chicago that provides a full range of resources for holistic human healing.

They are proud to say that:

- More than 70% of our residents move on to stable housing
- More than 90% of our residents complete their medical recovery plan
- More than 9,000 people have rebuilt their lives

For more information, the link to The Boulevard’s website is:

<http://www.blvd.org>

“The people here are someone’s mother, someone’s father, someone’s sister...It’s not ‘just a homeless person’. It’s a PERSON who happens to be homeless.”

